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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., S.W., Room TWB-204 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in CG Docket No. 02-278

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 6, 2003, Jerry Cerasale of the Direct Marketing Association ("DMA") and Ian D. Volner, Heather L. McDowell, and Ronald M. Jacobs of Venable discussed the Commission's recent amendments to the rules implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 ("TCPA") with Margaret Egler, Richard Smith, Erica McMahon, and Gene Fullano.

During the meeting, we discussed DMA's concerns about the FCC's amendments to the TCPA involving faxes, caller-ID, predictive dialers, and the do-not-call list. Additionally, DMA discussed the FCC's timeline for petitions for reconsideration and clarification of the rules.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Margaret Egler (via email) Jerry Cerasale (via email)